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**LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL JOINT POWERS AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING**

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Monterey, CA. – A Laguna Grande Regional Joint Powers Agency (JPA) Special Meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The JPA is made up of Board Members: City of Seaside Mayor Pro Tem Dave Pacheco, Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District Board Member Kevin Raskoff, and City of Monterey Mayor Clyde Roberson.

On the April 21st agenda is a proposal to hire consultant, Bellinger Foster Steinmetz, to create a trail maintenance strategy and conduct an environmental review. The [Request for Proposal](#) describes the scope of work to include a comprehensive trail maintenance plan that incorporates public and stakeholder input. The strategy aims to: 1) improve the existing park conditions and (Americans with Disabilities Act) ADA accessibility; 2) establish regular maintenance of shrubs and trees; 3) curtail invasive plant species; 4) assess habitat restoration opportunities; and 5) amplify trail access through upkeep, signage, and identifying major access points, all in order to encourage public safety and additional passive as well as active uses of the Park through a planned maintenance program.

“We are at an important beginning of a significant plan to keep the park clean, safe, and beautiful thanks to the unified commitment of the JPA partners,” said Mayor Clyde Roberson.

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The meeting will also include presentations from the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) about the [Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway \(FORTAG\) trail](#), and from the City of Monterey engineering team about the proposed [North Fremont Bike and Pedestrian Improvement](#) from Casanova to Canyon Del Rey (North Side), also referred to as the North Fremont Gap Closure Project.

Background

Laguna Grande Park forms the border between the cities of Seaside and Monterey. The 42-acre Park is owned mostly by Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, with small sections within the cities of Seaside and Monterey's jurisdiction. [SEE JURISDICTION MAP](#). The Park is split by a large forebay, and is a favorite for bird-watchers, picnickers, and summer concerts in the park. Residents enjoy the trails, playgrounds and sport fields. [Originally established in 1976](#) but idle for years, the JPA mission was most recently re-ignited after a strong urging from neighbors living near Laguna Grande Park, triggered mainly by their concerns about lack of Park upkeep and existing public health and safety conditions, but also seeing the added potential of the Park for residents through an improved, cohesive management plan.

Ways to Participate

The agenda is posted on the City of Seaside's website at <https://seasideca.civicclerk.com/Web/Player.aspx?id=4065&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0> and includes ways to provide public comment.

The meeting can be watched via the City of Seaside YouTube channel:

- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1Cu7854Ohtjpr_XV1tDvRg
- Or by joining the Zoom webinar link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89794447651> - Zoom Webinar (Meeting) ID: 897 9444 7651
- Or call in phone number: (301) 715-8592

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